

REMARKS

This amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed May 5, 2003.

In response to this Office Action, applicants affirm election of claims 1-3 (Group I) for examination. Claim 4 (Group II) has been canceled without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application on the non-elected invention with claims including the canceled claim 4 and others.

Claims 1-3 have all been rejected based upon U.S. Patent 5,465,335 (Anderson). The Anderson reference teaches the use of queues to manage or control the operation of a microprocessor.

Applicants have amended claims 1-3 and submitted new claims 5-13, all of which relate to positioning queues on different locations of a calendar so a queue is not serviced at a time earlier due to the queue going from empty (when it is disconnected from the calendar) to non-empty (when it is reconnected to the calendar). The subject matter covered in the amended and newly submitted claims are different from that set forth in the main reference, Anderson. As a consequence, the Anderson reference is no longer relevant to the amended and new claims. Therefore, the claims are now patentable over the art of record.

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It is believed that the present amendment addressed the issues raised in the Office Action. Reconsideration is hereby requested, and an early allowance of claims 1-12 is solicited.

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